

## STEAMSHIP CONSOLIDATION.

Morgan's New Trans-Atlantic Company—Capital of \$170,000,000.

New York, April 22.—The trans-Atlantic steamship combination formed by J. P. Morgan will have a capital of \$170,000,000, of which \$60,000,000 will be 6 per cent. cumulative preferred stock, \$60,000,000 common stock and \$50,000,000 4 1/2 per cent. debentures.

The underwriting syndicate has subscribed \$50,000,000, 40 per cent. of which was placed abroad and the remainder here. As yet the company has barely gone beyond organization stage. The corporate title is still undecided.

As announced last week, the combination will have an American charter, but those in authority decline to make known at this time the state in which the company will be incorporated.

It is authoritatively stated that a "working arrangement" has been made with the German lines—North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American—as a result of which the relations between the new combination and the German companies promise to be altogether harmonious.

Clement A. Griscom, president of the International Navigation Company, was again in conference with Mr. Morgan's partners today. He had nothing to say for publication other than that the preliminary details of the steamship consolidation were being perfected with little delay.

**CAPTURE OF BOLCAS DEL TORO.**  
Description by an American Who Witnessed the Capture.

Mobile, Ala., April 22.—Dr. J. E. Terry, of Greensboro, Ala., who arrived here today on the fruit steamer the Mount Vernon, witnessed the recent capture of Bolcas del Toro. He says the American residents were greatly alarmed and appealed to the commander of the United States gunboat Machias for protection. The women and children were speedily taken aboard the gunboat, but the men preferred to remain and look after their places of business. Nearly every house in the city ran up an American flag. A detachment of marines was landed and a picket line thrown around the American business quarter.

At daybreak the battle was begun by the liberals and raged for two hours before the government troops began their retreat. An incident that hastened the attack on Bolcas was the attempt of the Machias to recover the launches which the liberals had taken from the United Fruit Company. The liberals were on an island near the lagoon and received the demand of the Machias with great courtesy, but said that the liberal army was in desperate straits, located on the island and unable to escape if the launches were given back. The request was made that the launches be left with the liberals for that one night. The commander of the Machias consented. The liberals embarked on flat boats towed by the launches, and attacked Bolcas.

**A CORNER ON HENS.**  
Three Firms Control the Poultry Market of the Country.

Chicago, April 22.—The Record-Herald tomorrow will say: Three firms practically have complete control of the poultry market. Through the ownership of two-thirds of all the poultry in the country they are said to be able to fix prices at will. The firms having control are: Armour & Co., Swift & Co., and Friebe & Semler, of Bushnell, Ill. All over the western states, in Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Chicago and hosts of small towns, these firms have cold storage plants. The South Water street estimate is that they have 500,000 cases of about 100 pounds each in cold storage. The profits already have been immense. Fancy dressed chickens have sold as high as 11 1/2 cents against 8 1/2 a year ago at this time.

**W. H. REEVES PARDONED.**  
Governor General Wood Releases This One of the Postal Looters.

Havana, April 22.—Governor General Wood issued an order today, pardoning W. H. Reeves, who was recently sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$5,516 for complicity in the Cuban postal frauds. Reeves was liberated at once.

General Wood says he pardoned Reeves because he was a strong witness for the state. The order pardoning him did not come as a surprise, for it has been generally understood, ever since Estes G. Rathbone was first accused of connection with the postal frauds, that Reeves had been promised immunity by the military governor.

**BASE BALL INJUNCTION.**  
Restraining Order Against LaJoie Playing with the Americans.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 23.—Following up the decision of the Pennsylvania supreme court against Napoleon LaJoie, of the Philadelphia American League Base Ball Club, John I. Rogers of the Philadelphia National League Club, today secured a temporary injunction restraining the great second baseman from playing with any other organization than the Philadelphia national club. The injunction also restrains the local American League Club from employing LaJoie. The case will come up again on Monday on a motion to dissolve the injunction.

Baltimore, April 23.—While the second half of the eighth inning of today's American League game was being played here today Manager Mack, of the Athletics, received a telegram from Philadelphia stating that the court had issued a temporary injunction, restraining LaJoie from playing for five days. While Mr. Mack was not advised to take LaJoie out of the game, he decided to do so pending a conference with counsel.

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are kept strong and well; weak and puny little folks are made vigorous by the use of that famous remedy—  
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Corrects all disorders of the stomach, expels worms, etc. Palatable and reliable in action. Bottled by mail, \$2.00. E. & S. FREY, Baltimore, Md.

## NEGROES AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

They Ask the President's Aid in securing Passage of the Crumpacker Resolution.

Washington, April 22.—A committee of negroes, composed of ex-Governor Pinchback, of Louisiana; Bishops A. Grant, of Indiana; E. W. Lampton, of Mississippi, and W. McKinley, of South Carolina, called on the president today and asked his support of the Crumpacker resolution and the bill introduced by Representative Lewis providing for the appointment of a commission to investigate the condition of the negro. They declined to discuss the details of the interview, but said it was a very satisfactory one.

**INDIANA REPUBLICANS.**  
The State Convention—Party Policy Outlined by Senator Beveridge.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 23.—Much oratory and enthusiasm marked the opening of the republican state convention in Tomlinson hall this afternoon. Senator Albert Beveridge, delivered an eloquent address in which he outlined the principles upon which the republicans of Indiana will enter the next campaign, and although the committee on resolutions has not yet reported, it is understood that the planks in the platform will not vary widely from the general statements made by Senator Beveridge.

The senator declined to say that he was the mouth piece of the administration of Roosevelt, but would not deny that what he had to say regarding national issues had been, in large measure, approved at Washington.

Senator Beveridge devoted a considerable portion of his speech to trust, which he upheld as a natural development of American industry and as cheapening prices and furnishing employment for labor at high wages. Such evils as they developed, he said, must be controlled by national supervision under a department of commerce. He lauded the administration policy in the Philippines as one of beneficence, supported reciprocity as affording a market for surplus manufactures and praised President Roosevelt as conspicuously American.

Senator Fairbanks also addressed the convention, which after choosing Senator Beveridge as permanent chairman and transacting routine business adjourned until tomorrow.

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**WORK OF WHITE-CAPPERS.**  
Two Men Fearfully Beaten—A Woman Driven Insane.

Nashville, Ind., April 23.—Another tale of white-capping has become known here. Early Wednesday morning twenty masked men went to the home of Finley Stretchberry, aged 40 years, a few miles from the home of William Caldwell, who was almost murdered by white-cappers Monday night, and broke their way into Stretchberry's house.

He met them with a double barreled gun and emptied one charge into the shoulder of one of the gang. The white-cappers then seized Stretchberry's wife and forced her into the kitchen. The husband was then beaten over the head with revolvers and clubs until he fell to the ground. His hands were tied and he was dragged to a woods near by and whipped until blood flowed.

The white-cappers then tied their victim to a post and beat him until he was almost dead.

His wife, who was recently discharged from a hospital for the insane, became insane from excitement. She ran to a farmer's house, but was unable to make herself understood. The farmer, however, followed her to the place where Stretchberry lay.

Both Stretchberry and Caldwell are at the point of death and Mrs. Stretchberry's condition is most pitiable. The two white-cappers occurred within forty-eight hours and no cause is known for either one.

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**Weekly Crop Report.**

Washington, April 22.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows: The week ending April 21st was warmer than the average in the Pacific coast and Rocky mountain regions, in the Missouri valley and the northern districts to the eastward; it was too cool in the middle Atlantic and southern states and decidedly dry over the greater part of the central valleys and middle Atlantic states. The latter part of the week was marked by abnormally high temperatures in Kansas and Nebraska, intensifying the drought conditions in those states. The general weather conditions, although not conducive to rapid advance of vegetation, were very favorable for farming operations in nearly all parts of the country.

The progress of the corn planting has been rather slow, except in Missouri and the southern states, and work is about finished in the central and the west gulf districts. Winter wheat has continued to make slow growth, and on the whole is in less promising condition than the principal winter wheat crops of the central valleys than at the close of the previous week. Moisture and milder temperatures are generally needed for this crop throughout these districts and also in the middle Atlantic states.

Very good progress has been made in cotton planting, except in portions of Tennessee, the Carolinas and Florida, and planting is nearing completion over the southern portion of the cotton belt. Over most of Texas cotton is up satisfactory stands and plowing and churning are well under way.

In Maryland and Tennessee, tobacco plants are doing well, but in Virginia, the Carolinas and Kentucky they are small and in places irregular. Some transplanting has been done in South Carolina.

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## MURPHY &amp; CO., COTTON LETTER.

New York, April 22.—The weekly government report by states was without special feature, beyond the statement that termination is unsatisfactory in South Carolina. Thus far the crop, on the whole, may be said to be doing quite well, but it would be unwise for either side to make calculations for operations on what the crop may or may not do later on. Texas old timers insist that that state cannot possibly make a bumper crop next year because of the protracted drought for months and months, no matter how copious may be the rains and how well distributed from now on. Bulls are expecting numerous reports to come in in the course of time as to reduced acreage, reduced sales of fertilizers and scarcity of labor, as well as of seed, all of which may not be realized.

**MURPHY & CO., (Inc.)**  
**THE DRY GOODS MARKET.**

New York, April 23.—Business in the dry goods market today has been on a decidedly quiet scale. A better feeling, however, is in evidence, owing to improved weather conditions, and jobbers look for substantial re-orders. The market closed quiet at unchanged prices.

**GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.**  
Chicago, April 23.—Bull enthusiasm was paramount in all speculative pits on the board of trade today. The influence was a well developed weather scare and shorts were the sufferers.

Trade was excited in general, and stock was held so tightly that when the bull movement got into swing prices advanced with big jumps. Wheat made gains of from 2 1/2 to 2 3/4, corn 2 1/4 to 2 1/2, and oats 1 1/2 to 1 3/4. May wheat closed 2 1/4 up. May corn 2 1/4 higher and May oats 1 1/4 advanced. Provisions closed 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 higher.

**THE COFFEE MARKET.**  
New York, April 23.—The coffee market opened steady, with prices unchanged and ruled stupidly dull throughout the session, with fluctuations confined to a bare five points. The close was steady with prices not unchanged. Total sales were 14,750 bags. Spot Rio quiet and steady; No. 7 invoice 5 1/2-6; mild market quiet. Cofondra 8 to 12c.

**Cotton Futures.**  
New York, April 23.—The cotton market opened quiet and steady, with prices 2 points higher to 1 point lower, a disappointing start considering that Liverpool cables were bullish and that private wires from the south reported active demand for full price. Room traders took the short side soon after the call, in the absence of healthy speculative support, and succeeded in forcing July off to 9 1/2.

Continued improvement in the English market, firmness in New Orleans and rumors that export clearance during the rest of the week will be large, later, forced a retreat of the bears and encouraged buying for a turn. The whole list improved on this demand, July reaching 9 1/8 and August 8 5/8. The commission houses were moderate sellers of full price. May position, the public not wishing to bother with "notices" on Friday when it is said from 40,000 to 50,000 tenders will be made. This pressure served for a time to cause before the close it resumed its natural position.

Speculation was very tame after the first hour and prices followed a point rut. The estimates for tomorrow's receipts were conflicting, private crop reports were decidedly mixed, and sentiment was undecided. Full price, however, were larger than expected and clearances for export for the day reached less than 6,000 bales.

The market closed quiet and steady, with prices 1 to 3 points higher, total sales of futures were estimated at 73,000 bales, an unusually small trade.

**AT RECEIVERS' SALE.**  
Fayetteville Cotton Mills Sold—Bid In By Bondholders.

(Special to the Messenger.)  
Fayetteville, N. C., April 23.—The Fayetteville Cotton Mills, Dr. H. W. Lilly receiver, were sold today. They were bid in by the bondholders at \$16,700, a price considered nominal, as the property is deemed worth the bonded debt of \$22,000.

**TELEPHONE RATES.**  
State Corporation Commission Takes Up Question of Fixing Them.

(Special to the Messenger.)  
Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—The Corporation Commission to day gave a hearing on the matter of fixing rates for the Southern Bell Telephone Company, both long distance and local. General Meany, of New York, was present and submitted a schedule of rates which the commission will consider. It has never fixed rates.

**Sharkey and Rubin to Fight.**  
New York, April 24.—Tom Sharkey and Gus Rubin were matched this afternoon to box fifteen rounds to a decision, before the National Sporting Club, of London, during the week beginning June 23rd for a purse of 5,000.

**Octagon Soap.**

118 Boxes Octagon Soap \$3.90.  
41 Cases Pic Nic Hams 5c.  
56 Gross Penny Bluing \$1.00.  
113 Boxes Masons Blacking \$1.00.  
27 Boxes Dixie's Blacking \$1.00.  
101 Boxes Black Writing Fluids \$1.  
218 Boxes Lombardy Cigars \$3.50.  
114 Boxes Jackson Cigars \$3.00.  
248 Caddys Schnapps 4 1-2 to 1b 35  
103 Boxes Mendelson Lye \$2.50.  
201 Boxes Liberty Bell Lye \$2.35.  
104 Boxes Old Virginias \$12. per M  
CASH PRICES APRIL 22ND.

**W. B. COOPER,**  
WHOLESALE GROCER,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.

## WILMINGTON MARKETS.

Monday, April 21.  
Receipts of cotton today—477 bales.  
Receipts same day last year—251 bales.  
This season's receipts to date—270,124 bales.  
Receipts same day last year—254,730 bales.  
The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange:

**COTTON—Firm.**  
Ordinary ..... 6 1/2  
Good Ordinary ..... 6 3/4  
Low Middling ..... 6 5/8  
Middling ..... 6 7/8  
Good Middling ..... 6 9-16  
Same day last year—7 1/4c.

**SAVAL STORES.**  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Quiet at 4 1/2c.  
ROSIN—Firm at \$1.10 and \$1.15.  
TAR—Steady at \$1.20.  
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm; hard \$1.35; soft \$2.50.

Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine 30 and 30 1/2c; rosin \$1.05 and \$1.10; tar \$1.20; crude turpentine \$1.10 and \$2.10.  
Receipts today 14 casks spirits turpentine 107 barrels of rosin, 361 barrels of tar, 10 barrels of crude turpentine.  
Receipts same day last year—11 casks of spirits of turpentine, 148 barrels of rosin, 101 barrels of tar, 27 barrels of crude turpentine.

**PRODUCE.**  
SALT—100's 45c; 180's 70c; 200's 85c; F F 1.35; in less than car lots.  
DRY SALTED SIDES—9 1/2 to 9 3/4c.  
BUTTER—24 to 26c.  
COFFEE—8 to 11c.

FLOUR—Straight \$4.25 to \$4.50; 2nd patents \$4.50 to \$4.75; full \$4.75 to \$5.00.  
MOLASSES—S. House 15c; New Orleans Brights, 23 to 25c; Porto Rico 30 to 35c; Cuba 28 to 40c.  
SUGAR—Granulated \$4.95; W. X. C. No. 5 \$4.45; No. 7 \$4.30; No. 9 \$4.15; No. 11 \$4.05.

LARD—(Tierce Basis) Pure 11c; compound 10c.  
**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**  
PEANUTS—North Carolina 70 to 75c; Virginia 60 to 70c; Spanish 70 to 75c.  
CORN—83 to 85c.  
CORN MEAL—7 1/2 to 7 3/4c.  
N. C. BACON—Hams 13c; shoulders 9c; sides 10 to 11c.  
EGGS—Steady at 13c.  
CHICKENS—Hens 28 to 30c; roosters 25 to 30c.

SHINGLES—Per 1,000, 5-inch saps \$2.00; 6-inch hearts \$2.50; 6-inch saps \$3.00; 6-inch hearts \$4.00.  
TIMBER—Per M feet—Extra milling \$7.50 to \$8.50; Mill prime \$6.00 to \$7.00; Mill fair \$5.00 to \$6.00; Common mill \$4.00 to \$5.00; Inferior to ordinary \$3.00 to \$4.00.

**Tuesday, April 22.**  
Receipts of cotton today—237 bales.  
Receipts same day last year—74 bales.  
This season's receipts to date—270,437 bales.  
Receipts same day last year—254,808 bales.

The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange:  
**COTTON—Firm.**  
Ordinary ..... 6 1/2  
Good Ordinary ..... 6 3/4  
Low Middling ..... 6 5/8  
Middling ..... 6 7/8  
Good Middling ..... 6 9-16  
Same day last year—7 1/4c.

**SAVAL STORES.**  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Quiet at 4 1/2c.  
ROSIN—Firm at \$1.10 and \$1.15.  
TAR—Steady at \$1.20.  
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm; hard \$1.35; soft \$2.50.

Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine 32 1/2 and 32c; rosin \$1.05 and \$1.10; tar \$1.20; crude turpentine \$1.10 and \$2.10.  
Receipts today 11 casks spirits turpentine, 243 barrels rosin, 325 barrels of tar, 10 barrels of crude turpentine.  
Receipts same day last year—17 casks of spirits of turpentine, 251 barrels of rosin, 74 barrels of tar, 34 barrels of crude turpentine.

**PRODUCE.**  
SALT—100's 40c; 180's 70c; 200's 85c; F F 1.35; in less than car lots.  
DRY SALTED SIDES—10c.  
BUTTER—25c.  
COFFEE—8 to 11c.

FLOUR—Straight \$4.25 to \$4.50; 2nd patents \$4.50 to \$4.75; full \$4.75 to \$5.00.  
MOLASSES—S. House 15c; New Orleans Brights, 23 to 25c; Porto Rico 30 to 35c; Cuba 28 to 40c.  
SUGAR—Granulated \$4.75; W. X. C. No. 5 \$4.45; No. 7 \$4.30; No. 9 \$4.15; No. 11 \$4.05.

LARD—(Tierce Basis) Pure 11c; compound 10c.  
**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**  
PEANUTS—North Carolina 70 to 75c; Virginia 60 to 70c; Spanish 70 to 75c.  
CORN—83 to 85c.  
CORN MEAL—7 1/2 to 7 3/4c.  
EGGS—Steady at 14c.  
CHICKENS—Hens 30 to 35c; roosters 25 to 30c.

N. C. BACON—Hams 13c; shoulders 9c; sides 10 to 11c.  
SHINGLES—Per 1,000, 5-inch saps \$2.00; 6-inch hearts \$2.50; 6-inch saps \$3.00; 6-inch hearts \$4.00.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23.**  
Receipts of cotton today—293 bales.  
Receipts same day last year—146 bales.  
This season's receipts to date—270,730 bales.  
Receipts same day last year—254,954 bales.

The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange:  
**COTTON—Firm.**  
Ordinary ..... 6 1/2  
Good Ordinary ..... 6 3/4  
Low Middling ..... 6 5/8  
Middling ..... 6 7/8  
Good Middling ..... 6 9-16  
Same day last year—7 1/4c.

**SAVAL STORES.**  
SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.  
ROSIN—Nothing doing.  
TAR—Steady at \$1.20.  
CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm; hard \$1.35; soft \$2.50.

Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine 32 1/2 and 32c; rosin \$1.05 and \$1.10; tar \$1.20; crude turpentine \$1.10 and \$2.10.  
Receipts today—8 casks spirits turpentine, 55 barrels of rosin, 101 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.  
Receipts same day last year—53 casks spirits turpentine, 426 barrels rosin, 448 barrels tar, 20 barrels crude turpentine.

**PRODUCE.**  
SALT—100's 40c; 180's 70c; 200's 85c; F F 1.35; in less than car lots.  
DRY SALTED SIDES—10c.  
BUTTER—25c.  
COFFEE—8 to 11c.

FLOUR—Straight \$4.25 to \$4.50; 2nd patents \$4.50 to \$4.75; full \$4.75 to \$5.00.  
MOLASSES—S. House 15c; New Orleans Brights, 23 to 25c; Porto Rico 30 to 35c; Cuba 28 to 40c.

**MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.**  
New York, April 23.—Money on call steady at 3 1/4 to 4 1/4 per cent. Closing bid for 3 1/4 to 4 1/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.87 1/2 to \$4.88 1/2 for demand and at \$4.85 1/2 to \$4.86 1/2 for sixty days; posted rates \$4.86 and \$4.87; commercial bills \$4.84 to \$4.85; bar silver 51 1/2c; Mexican dollars 41c; government bonds steady; state bonds firm; railroad bonds irregular.

**STOCKS.**  
Norfolk and Western pfd. .... 90  
Atchafalpa ..... 79 1/2  
Baltimore and Ohio ..... 108 1/2  
Chesapeake and Ohio ..... 47 1/2  
Colorado Southern ..... 104 1/2  
Delaware and Hudson ..... 17 1/2  
Illinois Central ..... 146 1/2  
Louisville and Nashville ..... 126 1/2  
Manhattan L ..... 134 1/2  
Metropolitan Street Railway ..... 152 1/2  
Mexican Central ..... 139 1/2  
Mexican National ..... 19 1/2  
New Jersey Central ..... 192  
New York Central ..... 165 1/2  
Norfolk and Western ..... 58  
Reading ..... 65 1/2  
St. Paul ..... 109 1/2  
Southern Pacific ..... 66 1/2  
Southern Railway pfd ..... 36 1/2  
Texas and Pacific ..... 41 1/2  
Union Pacific pfd ..... 103  
Union Pacific com ..... 87 1/2

**EXPRESS COMPANIES.**  
Adams Express ..... 204  
American ..... 210  
United States ..... 118  
Wells Fargo ..... 210

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
Amalgamated Copper ..... 66 1/2  
Brooklyn Rapid Transit ..... 67 1/2  
Consolidated Tobacco pfd ..... 159  
General Electric ..... 325  
People's Gas ..... 103 1/2  
Pullman Palace Car ..... 235  
Sugar ..... 125  
Tennessee Coal and Iron ..... 73 1/2  
United States Steel pfd ..... 92 1/2  
United States Steel pfd ..... 92 1/2  
Western Union ..... 92 1/2  
Virginia Carolina Ch. pfd ..... 130 1/2

**BONDS.**  
United States refunding 2's reg. .... 109 1/2  
United States refunding 2's cou. .... 109 1/2  
United States 2's reg. ex. int. .... 109 1/2  
United States new 4's reg. ex. int. .... 138  
United States new 4's cou. .... 139 1/2  
United States old 4's reg. .... 111 1/2  
United States old 4's cou. .... 105 1/2  
United States 5's reg. ex. int. .... 107  
L. and N. uni 4's ..... 102  
New Jersey Central ..... 141  
Southern Railway ..... 122 1/2

**COTTON.**  
Liverpool, April 23.—4 p. m.—Cotton: Spot, good business done, prices favor buyers; American middling 5 1/2d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 11,500 American. Receipts 6,000 bales, including 5,200 American.

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**GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.**  
Chicago, April 23.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat No. 2—				
May	75	77	74 1/2	76 1/2
July	76 1/2	78 1/2	75 1/2	78 1/2
Sept.	75 1/2	77 1/2	74 1/2	76 1/2
Corn No. 2—				
May	62 1/2	64 1/2	61 1/2	63 1/2
July	63 1/2	65 1/2	62 1/2	64 1/2
Sept.	62 1/2	64 1/2	61 1/2	63 1/2
Oats No. 2—				
May	43 1/2	45 1/2	42 1/2	44 1/2
July	44 1/2	46 1/2	43 1/2	45 1/2
Sept.	43 1/2	45 1/2	42 1/2	44 1/2
Mess Pork per bbl—				
May	16.50	16.75	16.50	16.75
July	16.75	17.00	16.75	17.00
Sept.	16.50	16.75	16.50	16.75
Lard per 100 lbs—				
May	9.75	9.85	9.75	9.85
July	9.85	9.95	9.85	9.95
Sept.	9.75	9.85	9.75	9.85
Short ribs per 100 lbs—				
May	9.00	9.20	9.00	9.20
July	9.20	9.37 1/2	9.20	9.37 1/2
Sept.	9.25	9.45	9.25	9.45

Cash quotations were as follows:  
Flour firm; No. 2 spring wheat 75 1/2 to 77c; No. 3 70 to 75 1/2c; No. 2 red 85c; No. 2 white 44 1/2 to 45c; No. white 45 to 46 1/2c; No. 2 white 43 1/2 to 45c; mess pork per barrel \$16.75 to \$18.50; lard per 100 pounds \$9.50 to \$9.85; short ribs sides (boxed) \$7.50 to \$7.75; short clear sides (boxed) \$7.75 to \$8.50; whiskey, basis of high wines \$1.20.

New York, April 23.—FLOUR—Market was held 5c higher and generally paid in a small way. Minnesota patents \$3.90 to \$4.20.

WHEAT—Spot strong; No. 2 red 85c. There was an exceedingly strong market in wheat all day with a big speculative trade including liberal public orders to buy. Demand was chiefly due to lack of rain and serious crop conditions, as indicated by numerous damage complaints from the south. All outside markets were strong, notably St. Louis. The close was 2 1/2 to 3 1/2c higher. May closed 83c; July 83 1/2c;